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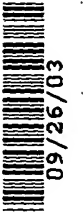
Applicant(s): Armin Diez

Title: Fuel Cell Unit, Composite Block Of Fuel Cells  
And Method For Manufacturing A Composite Block  
Of Fuel Cells

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a [X] continuation application  
under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/658,628

Filed: September 11, 2000

Applicant(s): Armin Diez

For: Fuel Cell Unit, Composite Block Of Fuel Cells  
And Method For Manufacturing A Composite Block  
Of Fuel Cells

Group: 1746 Examiner: Crepeau

Enclosed is:

1. [X] A copy of the prior application (original foreign  
language application and verified English translation  
application in which no new matter is presented,  
including the declaration.
2. [ ] Specification, Claims, Abstract, Drawings (for CIP).
3. [ ] This application is entitled to small entity status.
4. [X] The filing fee is calculated as follows after entering  
the enclosed Preliminary Amendment:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	(X) LG Entity	RATE	( ) SM Entity	Fee
Basic Fee				\$750.00	\$375.00	\$750.00
Total Claims	(64 - 20 = 44)		x	\$ 18.00	x \$ 9.00	792.00
Indep. Claims	(2 - 3 = 0)		x	\$ 84.00	x \$ 42.00	0.00
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim			+	\$280.00	+	\$140.00
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$1542.00

5. [X] A check for \$ 1542.00 is enclosed to cover fees.

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7. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 which may be required by this communication, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-1124. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
8. [ ] A Statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 regarding small entity status:
- a. [ ] was filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. [ ] is enclosed. (Not required if a Statement is in the prior application.)
9. [X] Cancel in this application original Claims 2-31 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (Retain at least one independent claim.)
10. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---This is a continuation of Serial No. 09/658,628 filed September 11, 2000 claiming priority of German application No.100 44 703.1 filed September 9, 2000.---
11. [ ] Transfer the formal drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by a person authorized by 37 CFR 1.138 and before payment of the issue fee.)
12. [X] 12 Drawing sheets for original German language application and translated application enclosed.
13. [X ] Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on X German Application No. 100 44 703.1 filed September 9, 2000.  
[X] The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/658,628, filed September 11, 2000.
14. [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to Edward J. Timmer (Reg. No. 27 402) of Walnut Woods Centre, 5955 W. Main Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.  
[X] The Power appears in the papers in the prior application.

15. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to  
ElringKilnger AG.
16. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added are numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim. Enter the Preliminary Amendment before calculating the filing fee)
17. [X] I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application, the declaration being a copy from the file history of the prior application.
18. [X] Acknowledgment Postal Card

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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The undersigned is: [X] an attorney of record in the prior application.

[ ] acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

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Respectfully submitted,



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Date: September 25, 2003

Document(s) attached: Rule 1.53 Continuation  
Application Transmittal  
Copy of Specification, Claims,  
Abstract, Drawings for Original German  
Language and Translated Applications (2)  
Declaration, Check for \$1542.00,  
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